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TAGS: EXRN XT

SUBJ: NORTH ATLANTIC AIR FARES

1. LONDON PASS FOLLOWING FROM MEADOWS TO HUBBACK:

" I APPRECIATE HAVING YOUR MESSAGE OF MARCH 5 CONCERNING THE PASSENGER FARE SITUATION AND YOUR THOUGHTS AS TO THE MOST APPROPRIATE COURSE OF ACTION TO BE FOLLOWED. I HAVE REVIEWED THE MATTER WITH THE CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD. (NEW PARA) WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE NORTH ATLANTIC CARRIERS HAVE BEEN AND ARE CONSIDERING THE FARES FROM APRIL 1, 1973, FORWARD IN THEIR IATA MEETINGS IN LONDON. THIS GOVERNMENT SUPPORTS THOSE EFFORTS TO REACH AGREEMENT WITHIN THE ESTABLISHED IATA MACHINERY IN LIGHT OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMUNICATIONS WHICH HAVE TAKEN PLACE. IT IS THE CARRIERS' FAILURE TO REACH AGREEMENT IN IATA THAT NOW MAKES CONTINUATION OF STATUS QUO FARES UNAVOIDABLE FOR THE SUMMER PERIOD. THE TRAVELING PUBLIC MUST KNOW THE APPLICABLE PRICES SO THEY CAN MAKE FIRM PLANS ACCORDINGLY. WE DO BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT THE CARRIERS MUST FACE UP TO THE FACT AT THEIR MEETING NEXT WEEK THAT APPLICATION OF 1972 FARES AGAIN THIS PEAK SEASON ACCOMPLISHES NOTHING TOWARD THE FARE STRUCTURE AND REVENUE IMPROVEMENTS, CARRIERS AND GOVERNMENTS AGREE ARE NECESSARY. WE BELIEVE THE CARRIERS SHOULD BEGIN TO ADDRESS THE MATTER OF ESTABLISHING FARES FOR THE PERIOD AFTER SUMMER 1973 AT THEIR MEETING NEXT WEEK SO THAT GOVERNMENTS AND THE TRAVELING PUBLIC ARE NOT AGAIN CONFRONTED WITH A FARE CRISIS THIS FALL. WE REGRET THAT THE RECENT ECAC ACTION FAILS TO REFLECT A SIMILAR CONCERN AND WOULD NOTE OUR VIEW THAT CARRIERS AND GOVERNMENTS MUST CONTINUE THEIR EFFORTS TO FIND AN IMPROVED FARE STRUCTURE. IT IS THIS GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION TO CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS IN THIS REGARD AND ACCORDINGLY WE WOULD EXPECT THAT CARRIER TARIFFS WOULD CARRY A TERMINATION DATE. (NEW PARA) WE SHOULD ALSO REITERATE THE POINT WE HAVE MADE PREVIOUSLY THAT THE GENERAL SUBJECT OF YOUTH FARES IS STILL PENDING AS A SEPARATE MATTER AT THE CA. (NEW PARA) WE SHARE YOUR REGRET THAT OUR CONSULTATIONS DID NOT CULMINATE IN AGREEMENT AND YOUR HOPE THAT THE IATA CARRIERS WILL BE ABLE TO DEVELOP AN ACCEPTABLE AGREEMENT ON NORTH ATLANTIC FARES."

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2. OTHER ADDRESSEES SHOULD HAND HOST GOVERNMENTS COPY
OF ABOVE INDICATING IT IS IN RESPONSE TO UK PROPOSAL TO
REVERT TO STATUS QUO FOR SUMMER. FYI ASSUMING IATA AGREES
NEXT WEEK ON CONTINUATION STATUS QUO PRESUMABLY TRANS-
ATLANTIC CARRIERS WILL MAKE APPROPRIATE FILING CHANGES.
END FYI. ROGERS

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